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Center School To Take On New Life As Youth Center Schedules Opening Date

This is the third in a series of articles focusing on local efforts to increase awareness of the dangers involved in drug and alcohol abuse and our communities' efforts to provide alternatives for local youth. Our readers are encouraged to call the CHRONICLE at 865-1645 if they would like to have a particular program highlighted.

By Andree A. Belisle

MILLBURY - The sounds of young people laughing and playing will once again fill the halls of the old Center School on Elm Street when the Millbury Youth Center officially opens its doors to local teenagers on June 23. The long awaited youth center will occupy four rooms at the former school. One is a large auditorium-type room with a capacity for 200 people for larger events such as dances and concerts. Another room will be designated as a snack bar and will provide vending machines and seating for youth. Off the hallway are two smaller rooms, one for boys and one for girls, "for some activities where they might need a little space from one another," said Linda M. Johnson, newly-appointed Director of the Youth Activities Commission for the Town of Millbury.

Johnson, who is employed full time at Westboro State Hospital as a Recreation Therapist for elderly patients, said her position as Youth Director will be to set up the youth center, including overseeing renovations and establishing programs. She feels her 12 years of experience working with the elderly will provide a balance with her part time position as Youth Director. "I enjoy youth, and I've also worked with the younger population at Westboro. So I really think I have the flexibility to work with all types of populations. With the older people, you don't always see the gain, and they're not always able to verbalize feelings. With kids, you'll know pretty well right from the beginning whether it's working or not."

In order to ensure that the center addresses the needs of today's youth, Johnson compiled a comprehensive survey which was distributed to 480 Millbury High School students. Questions ranged from their preferences for activities to the type of individuals they would prefer as adult monitors. Three hundred and fifteen surveys were returned completed.

Johnson said that nothing is "set in stone" at this point and that the survey will determine the direction the center will take. "I want this to be very youth oriented," she said. "I want to be able to provide and supply what they'd like. For any center to work, the kids have to have a sense of ownership that this is their center. I could go in and set up a center as I see fit, but I don't think that suits or meets the needs of the kids."

Johnson also said that the need for a center should be obvious to the casual observer. "You can drive through town and see groups of kids hanging around doing nothing. So I think this center provides an opportunity for them to make choices - positive choices."

As part of the survey, students were asked to list their areas of interest. Scoring high on the list were arcade and video games. Johnson said she was told by Earl Chase, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen and Johnson's supervisor, that there are restrictions on the number of games that could be put in place. "Mr. Chase indicated that there could only be three arcade games allowed," she said. "We are only going to plan on one or two anyway. I'm not setting this up as an arcade. It's certainly not going to make any money. We're not in this to make money; it's not a business." Johnson added that, in order to make the center successful, you have to meet the needs of the generation you're serving. "Twenty years ago I loved square dancing, but that's not what's 'in' now; that's not what's popular. Computers, video-type arcade games are very much a part of this generation's culture. But to say, 'We don't want that, it's going to be turned into a hangout or a pool hall kind of atmosphere,' that's a little narrow-minded."

Although the survey was distributed only to Millbury High School students, Johnson emphasized that the center will be available for all youth of Millbury, age 13-18. "We have some students at Holy Name, Blackstone Valley Tech, and there are also kids that are out of school for one reason or another; they will all be welcome." Johnson also said that it would be "small-minded" to assume that out-of-town guests would not be welcome at the center. "I think half of the Millbury High girls are going out with Sutton boys. It would be nice if they could go there as a couple rather than think that they should not be going there," she said.

The center will operate on a $10,000 budget, which will have to cover equipment, supplies, renovations and operating costs. Johnson learned early on that the monies appropriated will have to be stretched long and thin. "We don't have any equipment over there," she explained. "I was amazed at the simple cost of putting in a public telephone. You have to guarantee them a minimum of 50 cents a day, even for days the center is not open. We're also going to need some chairs and tables or booths. That's going to be a major undertaking. Both to get it and to purchase it."

Because of the limited budget, Johnson stressed the need for community assistance in equipping the center through donations. Among the items on her "wish list" are: furniture, including couches, lamps, end tables, chairs, booths and bar stools; a stereo system; weight lifting equipment; Nintendo games; basketball hoop and ball; magazines; records; and games. "We've got to pay for everything we might need out of that budget," she said, "and that's going to limit the services that we can provide."

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CHRONICLE photo by James LeClaire

Linda Johnson, Youth Activities Director, stands in the largest of the four rooms to be utilized by the Youth Center.

Sutton Officials Explain Need For Override

By Alex G. Belisle

SUTTON - At their May 10 meeting, Sutton Selectmen met with representatives of most of the Town's boards and committees to discuss the need for a $615,000 override of Proposition 2 1/2. The unanimous consensus was that an override was not only necessary but critical to Sutton if the residents wanted to maintain the level of services which they presently enjoy. A portion of the discussion at that meeting dealt with the problem implicit in informing residents why the override is necessary; what the scope of the problem is; why it has occurred this year; and what the ramifications of a defeat of an override question will be.

In an attempt to inform Sutton residents, several town officials met with the Chronicle to discuss the fiscal situation. Present at that meeting were: Richard LaBonte, Chairman of the Selectmen; Selectwoman, Mary K. Connor; Gina Betti, a member of the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee; School Committee members Anne Fox and Elizabeth Bacon, and Linda Roach, a Sutton resident.

LaBonte voiced a concern that was often repeated during the course of the interview: "People have to realize," he said, "that we're not trying to circumvent 2 1/2. We're using the vehicle that 2 1/2 has built into it, because everyone, whether it be Barbara Anderson who proposed it, all of them knew that a 2 1/2 cap at some point, for some communities simply would not be enough. All we're saying to the voters is, this is the year we have to utilize it. It's imperative that people realize that this isn't a circumvention of 2 1/2; it's part of 2 1/2." LaBonte said he fears that if towns that are in need do not use the override, it will be an invitation to the legislature to tamper with Proposition 2 1/2, which he supports. "We're not talking of adding services," he emphasized, "we're talking of maintaining the services that we have today."

According to those in attendance, it is important for Sutton residents to understand why Sutton now finds itself in need of an override. Mary K. Connor explained that the problem that Sutton now faces is not something that occurred overnight, but rather is the result of a variety of contingencies that have recently occurred. According to those present, there are basically four reasons why Sutton finds itself in a fiscal crunch: a significant reduction in state aid following a reduction of federal aid, contractual obligations, increases in operating costs, and limitations of Prop 2 1/2 coupled with new growth.

Connor explained that Proposition 2 1/2 limits increases in taxation to 2 1/2% per year. (Refer to following article to see how Proposition 2 1/2 caps taxation and limits the amount of increases that a community can levy.) "In the past four or five years," she said, "the state aid was there to offset what monies the town needed to provide services which the town could not afford to finance out of its budget. As state aid increased to help us pay for services, there was a greater reliance placed

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We The People...

Gives School System Failing Grade

To the Editor:

Look out Worcester! Millbury is trying to compete with your modular classroom fiasco. A top Millbury High School senior recently served a one day in-house suspension for arriving at school late. The system knew she had spent the weekend visiting George Washington University and knew she had an exam to make up on Monday. She had her parents' permission to stay home in the morning to study and to go in late. If she had lied, stayed out the whole day or taken the week off for a vacation, all would have been fine. But for being honest and a good student, the punishment was handed out.

To top it off, in the lack of appeal process, some members of the School Committee feel that they cannot change any decisions that the administration makes, whether the criteria for the decisions are flawed or in order. Chalk up another failing grade for the Millbury School System!!

Joan Greenwood
West Main Street
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NOTICE

The Town of Millbury has been entrusted by Buck Bros., Inc., holders of certain water rights in Dorothy Pond, with the responsibility of maintaining the elevation of the water level in Dorothy Pond. We have become aware that the control gate on Riverlin Street is being adjusted by persons other than town employees.

This shall serve notice that it is the Town's intent to prosecute to the full extent of the law, any person or persons apprehended tampering with this control gate.

Board of Selectmen
Town of Millbury

Board of Health Reorganizes

MILLBURY - The Board of Health voted reorganization as follows at their May 8 meeting: Chairman and Agent, Walter A. Weldon; Assistant Agent, James M. Dwinell; Clerk, Thomas M. Stratford.

DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions to the *Millbury-Sutton Chronicle* is 12:00 noon on Saturday of the week prior to publication.

Calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 28

SUTTON - The West Sutton Baptist Church of Central Turnpike, West Sutton will hold a Memorial Day Service at 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 29

MILLBURY - Annual Memorial Day Parade beginning at 8:45 a.m. from Providence Street.

MILLBURY - A Memorial Day Luncheon will be held at the West Millbury Chapel from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We Will be Closed Monday, May 29th in Observance of Memorial Day.

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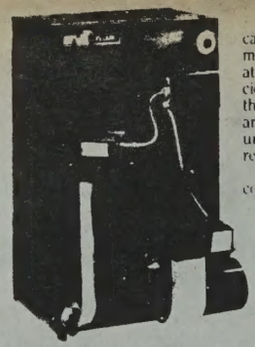

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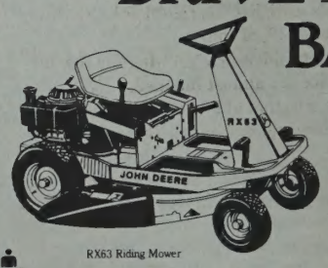

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Board Meets with Fire Engineers to Review Articles

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The May 17 Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present: Chairman Jude Cristo, Roland Lachance, John Donnelly, Donald Gauthier, and Gerald Bleau.

Dates To Remember

Moving to Dates to Remember, Cristo noted that a Memorial Day service will be held on May 28 at the East Millbury Chapel. The Memorial Day parade will begin on Providence Street at 8:45 a.m. on the 29th. The Annual Town meeting will be held at the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on June 6.

Town Counsel Account

Administrative Assistant Earl Chase began his weekly report by informing the board that a transfer of funds may be required for the Town Counsel account for May and June. He said that recent billing up to and including March and April has depleted the account to a level where funds would be needed to finish this fiscal year.

Signs

A discussion developed concerning the posting of signs at the boat ramp on Singletary Lake and along Martin Street in front of the high school. Chase said $1,000 would have to be transferred to cover the costs. "The State was not able to help us out," he said.

Lachance asked if the signs could be placed on telephone poles. Police Chief Ron Stokowski answered that the phone company would not allow that.

"Everyone else does," Lachance replied. He noted that "No Parking" signs are located on poles throughout the town. "What's the difference?" he asked.

Stokowski answered, "The utility company says the signs would be a hazard to pole climbers. They are aware of the other signs and have not told us to take them down."

"Let's get some printed," Lachance said, explaining that he had driven by the boat ramp on Sunday and observed that a number of cars with rigs had been tagged.

Stokowski noted that cars were not parked on the North side and that some vehicles were far enough off the road so as not to create a hazard.

In response to a question from Bleau, Lachance explained that both sides of the street would be posted since a dangerous situation exists when cars and rigs are parked on both sides of the street.

Stokowski remarked that the boat ramp is getting a heavier play than last year. "It's a nice place to go and is one of the better lakes around," he said.

Lachance, noting that this issue was discussed last year, asked what he called the obvious question: "When will they (signs) be ready, Labor Day?"

Cristo replied that no vote was taken last year for the signs. "We voted to make changes such as marking the street, which has been done."

The board unanimously approved a transfer of $1,000 for the signs.

Millbury Ave. Reconstruction Project

Stokowski then asked for clarification on the assignment of police at the Millbury Avenue Reconstruction Project. He said he spoke to the superintendent at Granger Lynch who indicated there were no funds available since it was not part of the contract.

Cristo asked Chase if the contract had been amended. Chase replied that it had not been, but said there was money available in the article.

Stokowski said the road would be closed off, and suggested a need for one or two police officers on duty since many people ignore signs.

Damaged Cruisers

Stokowski reported that he received an estimate from the insurance company for $11,000 for damage to one of the cruisers. He indicated that a replacement cruiser was purchased at a cost of $15,525 plus $600 for lettering.

Cristo asked where they money came from. The chief replied that it came out of department expenses, which would need to be replaced, requiring a transfer of $3500.

He also reported that a second damaged cruiser is undergoing repairs.

Resignation

Stokowski confirmed that Officer Paul D'Auteuil will be resigning on May 23. Gauthier moved to accept the resignation.

Replying to a question from Donnelly, Stokowski reported that the department would now be short three men.

Bleau said it looked like there would be more overtime, and he asked for a weekly update on the overtime. "The voucher doesn't tell me why," he said.

"If you want me to do this," Stokowski replied, "I'll need another person. I'm only one body. I've been putting in many hours."

Donnelly then asked if there was a clerk downstairs. Stokowski answered, "Yes, we are all busy." He explained that he is involved in training two dispatchers and two new recruits, as well as in-service training for officers.

Donnelly seconded Gauthier's motion to accept D'Auteuil's resignation, which was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Room Dedication

At 7:30 p.m., Grace Laflash addressed the board on behalf of the Millbury Historical Society. She asked the board to consider dedicating of one of the rooms at the Town Hall in honor of Thomas Blanchard, who gained national recognition for his many patents as an inventor and a leading participant in the Industrial Revolution. She explained that such

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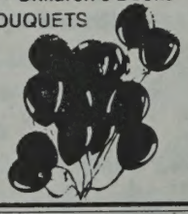

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a room existed at the old town hall and was called "Blanchard Hall."

Donnelly suggested the possibility of dedicating or placing a placque in one of the rooms at the Asa Waters Mansion. Laflash noted that there is a lot of memorabilia throughout the mansion already. She said she personally preferred the placement at the selectmen's meeting room.

The board approved her request on a 4-1 vote with Donnelly opposed. The placque will be placed on the back wall of the board's meeting room and dedicated either at the June 13 or 27 meeting.

Transfer of Class I License

At 8:35, the board met with John Woodford, a representative of Williams Chrysler-Plymouth Inc., who was present to request an approval of a transfer of a Class I License from Ballard Motors to Williams Chrysler Plymouth Inc. at the same location.

Woodford told the board the company has operated a dealership in Billerica since 1963 and has another dealership in Charlton. He noted that Ballard Motors has had an excellent reputation in the community. "We expect to continue that reputation," he said.

The board approved the transfer on a 5-0 vote.

Fire Department Articles

At 8:30 p.m., the Board of Fire Engineers were present to review the town meeting articles they have placed on the warrant. The engineers were invited at the request of Bleau, who had asked to see the articles and the Finance Committee's recommendations.

Fire Chief Tom Nault noted that the engineers have not received any information from the Finance Committee, the Personnel Board, "or any one else. There has been no communication," he said.

Chase then passed out information relative to the recommendations of the finance and capital budget committees.

Finance Committee member Steve Choiniere told the selectmen that his committee had met with the capital budget committee for joint recommendations.

Bleau noted that there was only one recommendation from the committees. Of the 10 articles, only one is being funded, according to Bleau.

Fire Engineer Dave Matson commented that priorities were very interesting in light of the town being in financial straights. He specifically mentioned funding $2,000 for the Blackstone Valley Development Corporation. "There is no direct benefit from the $2,000," he said. Matson then pointed out that the Fire Department expends less money than any other department in town and is responsible for four buildings.

Nault noted that some articles have been carried on the town warrant for several years. "Things haven't gotten fixed; things haven't gotten better," he said, adding that these requests will be on the warrant each year until they are taken care of.

Nault then reported that the main fire station has water leaks, bricks need re-pointing, and the overhead doors will need replacing.

According to Nault, there is no "fat" in the budget and the salary account is level funded. He said that monies totalling $18,000 were returned to the General Fund last year and a similar return to the town is expected this year.

Lachance suggested that funds for several of the projects could be encumbered and carried over to next year. "Earmark the funds," he said.

Nault replied that he didn't think that could be done and that only the School Department had that autonomy.

After reviewing the articles with the board, Lachance noted that monies for articles would total about $20,000, based on estimates. He again suggested that monies not expended in this year's budget be encumbered through billing this Fiscal Year and work on projects carried over to the next fiscal year.

Cristo suggested that at the meeting with the Finance Committee next Tuesday, board members who can attend could offer their support.

Nault replied that the Fire Engineers would accept the support with open arms. "We are glad to have this meeting to thrash things out. Just because we are not fighting fires doesn't mean we are not working," he said.

Appointments

Moving to Old Business, the board made numerous appointments to boards, committees, and commissions, which is an annual ritual. Six pages of names were submitted for the board's review. Most appointments were approved with a small number placed on hold for further clarification or recommendations. Among those placed on hold were the following: Fence Viewer, Building Inspector/Zoning Agent, Aid to Building Inspector, Board of Appeals, Alternate to Board of Appeals, 2nd Delegate to Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission, Public Works Council, Blackstone River and Canal Commission Advisory Council, Resource Recovery Advisory Committee, Special Police Appointments, Local Housing Partnership Committee, and the Department of Public Works Study Committee.

Resource Recovery

Under Resource Recovery, Cristo reported that a tour of the operations at Milltex, a recycling company, proved informative. He noted that the plant was clean and that operations involve the recycling of cloth, old clothes, and other similar materials, some from Felters and Cesyl Mills in Millbury.

Cristo said that the analysts hired by Wheelabrator-Millbury Inc. would have to determine if the material brought to the plant from Milltex was hazardous or emitted too much sulfur, since a layperson could not determine that.

Transfer Station

Chase then reported that he had spoken with Diane Reynolds of SEA, consultants for the Transfer Station, who said that Mulholland Construction has the specs for rough plumbing and will be costing it out.

According to Chase, the cost for removing boulders or "ledge" would be $85 per cubic yard and would be handled through a change order.

Chase also said that Reynolds told him that a baffle plate in the specs, not designed by SEA, would have to be designed by Building Manufacturing for Mulholland Construction. "It's coming down to an issue of who is going to pay for it. SEA says we may end up in the middle," Chase said.

According to Chase, a sump will be designed to handle the leachate problem. Cristo asked Chase if he had relayed that information to other departments involved and was told that he had not. Cristo suggested that he act as a liaison. "You should take a leadership role," Cristo said.

Clerk of the Works

The board approved the appointment of Paul Sullivan as Clerk of the Works for the Millbury Ave. Reconstruction Project at $15 per hour, 3 days a week, for 26 weeks, at a cost of $9,360. Donnelly said that hiring Sullivan would be less costly as he is a retired engineer and has done work for the town on other projects.

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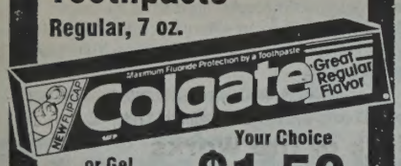

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HI GANG! It's me again, friends, with a little bit of this and that. So much going on out there to talk about, to write about, and to think about...let's pick out a few items, and see what we can do with 'em! But to get things rolling, we have a Daffynition for you:

BAR-BELLES: a whole lot easier to pick up than those down at the gym. How about that!

ALLELUIA! SAINTS Preserve us! Dropped by Assumption Church for the 4 p.m. Mass on the 6th of this month, didn't expect to see what we did....The inside of the church covered with yellow and white balloons, all over the place, the columns were covered, balloons behind the main altar. We first thought they were throwing a big bash for the Monsignor, expected clowns, cotton candy next! Found out that the kids would be receiving their First Communion the next day, that's why the balloons. What next?

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NOT THE GREAT WALL in China, but quite a wall in Sutton....We speak of a stone wall surrounding this home in Sutton we passed the other day. Must have taken a lot of time, labor, scratch to put that stone wall together. The owner is either a doctor, lawyer, plumber or electrician, or works for the Duke to afford a wall that huge and beautiful.

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THANKS TO PEE-WEE, *me mutt, we have the itch! Yupp! He was nice enough to go out gallivanting in the bushes, the Poison Ivy bushes to be exact....Naturally, once in the house and on your lap, you pat the little critter, nice little doggie, you scratch him behind the ear; now you scratch yourself behind the ear, the arm, the legs....Brought back memories though of years gone by when we, as youngsters, would pack up a lunch, knapsack, sterno stove, Franco American spaghetti and hot dogs and head for what we called "Ballard's Woods" behind Linders Junk Yard for an overnight camping trip....Naturally, nature calls were frequent! One of our calls took us not in a blueberry patch but a Poison Ivy patch! We didn't know it at the time, we really didn't check out the flora and the fauna in those days. We just did it! Never in my life will I ever forget the pain, the burn, the itch, the aggravation. That took care of the overnighters for a while!*

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WENT FOR A RIDE! Yupp! In a Model A Ford, thanks to Claude Goodreau of this fair town....What a car! What a ride! Headed toward the Millbury Center, back up Millbury Avenue. All of a sudden, "boom - bang - boom - chug-a-lug!" We done ran out of gas! "Morin, you push and I'll steer," Claude barked out! No way, Jose! "I'll steer, you push!" He did, and we went merrily on our way. A beautiful job of restoration, Claude. Congratulations! You have something to be proud of. But check your gas next time, no not that gas! The gas for your car! Thanks for the ride!

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GUESS WHAT! *You know what the top prizes are in Russia, and we kid you not! Winners in a top lottery received as prizes, "rolls of toilet tissues." The paper is quite scarce, real shortages exist in the Soviet Union, so people would appreciate prizes such as those given. Other prizes were hens, pigs, goats, detergent, and bath soaps.....And we complain. Good grief! We never had it so good!*

THERE WAS *a time when $200 was the down-payment on a car; now it's the sales tax! Yupp! We never had it so good!*

COST *the taxpayers over $14 million already in the Ollie North case....And it ain't over yet. Somebody's lining their pockets with a lot of cabbage!*

BENEDICTINE: *from a Saint's name....Around the year 1510, a learned monk, Don Bernado Vincelli by name, devised a new liqueur which his brethren tasted and called "refreshing and recuperative." (I'll Say!) It was thereupon named Benedictine in honor of their order of St. Benedict, and was dedicated ad majorem Dei gloriam, "to the greater glory of God."*

The monastery was destroyed during the French Revolution ("Allons Enfants de la Patrie!") but the secret was kept. Over fifty years later, a wine merchant named Le Grand reconstructed the drink. He labeled each bottle D.O.M. which stands for Deo Optimo Maximo, "for the most good and great God." The distillery now stands on the site of the former abbey....How about that! We're a veritable fountain of knowledge! Shoooooot!

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BITS 'N PIECES....Spring is the time for planting, but Telephone Poles? No way. Watched a home-owner plant 6 telephone poles in his backyard; very curious. "What for?" I asked myself. Couple days later a covering started to take shape; a garage? A chicken coop? Off street parking garage? Nope, just a good-sized lean-to garage type edifice to store his many cars/trucks he has on his property.

"C'MON DOWN!" the Realtor in front of the new home on Putnam Hill Road in Sutton seemed to be yelling out. There was an "Open House" but nary a soul to be seen; just the realtor, looking so lonesome and forlorn. Felt bad for the poor guy, or was it a gal? I suppose all he could see flashing in his mind was that 6 percent commission on the sale of the house! If he's there next week, stop by and at least say, "hello." It's tough to go thru life unnoticed!

HOW ABOUT THAT! A new VCR has a built-in computer into which users feed their tastes in television programming. The machine then scans TV schedules and automatically records shows IT thinks you'll find interesting. It then tells you what it has taped and lets you choose up to 186 hours of programming with the push of a button. Cost: $6,000. (I bet that guy with that expensive wall in Sutton will get one! ha-ha)

ON THE SHOPPING Scene. Had some strawberries, needed an Angel Food cake or reasonable facsimile. Spotted an angel food cake, round, flat, sealed in a plastic container. When opened at home, it was hard as a rock. It had the softness of an oversized hockey puck, it was that solid. This stuff is coming from overseas, this particular item came from Germany; must have been baked during the War. The Big War! WWI.

GOTTA tell you this one. The old timer being discharged from the hospital approached the cashier cage and told the clerk: "I don't care what your computer says. I'll pay for my hernia operation, but I'll be darned if I'll pay for the hysterectomy!"

ENOUGH SAID about Jim Wright, Ollie North, and good old Jerry D'Amico. The following says it all:

"The American people are a very generous people and will forgive almost any weakness, with the possible exception of stupidity." - Will Rogers

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HUMONGOUS FUNGUS *Among Us!...Yupp! There certainly was way out west. It seems that with all those forest*

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Board Votes Conditional Approval for Three Subdivisions

SUTTON - On May 15th the Sutton Planning Board held a special public meeting to decide on three pending subdivision plans: Colonial Acres, Orchard Estates, and Pleasantdale II. These residential development plans were granted extensions until this evening, and the Board was scheduled for a decision. The extra meeting meant the Board would have to hold three meetings in May rather than the usual two because of the particularly heavy workload.

Colonial Acres

The meeting started at 7:30 p.m. with the Colonial Acres proposal first on the agenda. Representing the Colonial Acres (and Orchard Estates) subdivision proposal were Matteo D'Anello, Bob Lucas, Phil Davis, Srinivasa Kalkunte, and David Lavallee.

Planning Board Chairman Craig Ferrell opened the meeting with a discussion of Town Planner Ted Brovitz's comments and recommendations for both Colonial Acres and Orchard Estates. This review covered plan requirements, traffic impacts, environmental considerations, open space and recreation, and public service impacts.

During the presentation of Brovitz's comments, the Board and developers discussed a number of important issues related to the two developments. One of the issues raised was the traffic problem likely to result at the 5-road intersection of Hartness, Dodge, and Leland Hill Roads. Brovitz and Town Engineer Dick Wharton informed the Board that they had visited the intersection with the developer's traffic consultant and had come up with a circulation plan. Not having seen the plan, the Board advised the developers that they would have to review the circulation proposal and accept it before final approval could be granted.

Another issue that was raised in Brovitz's review and discussed with the developers, was the provision of on-site recreational areas. After some discussion with the Board, the developers agreed to set aside some open spaces in both the Colonial Acres and Orchard Estates and make some improvements such as leveling and seeding these sites. In the Colonial Acres subdivision, the developers agreed to construct a walking trail on one of the open space lots.

The discussion continued with comments from Wharton concerning changes in the proposed off-site drainage plans from what was originally proposed. As Wharton explained, the original plan was to design, supply materials, and install drainage and road improvements on parts of Hartness, Dodge, and Leland Hill Roads. However, in recent weeks the developers submitted revised plans that substantially lessened improvements initially proposed.

Wharton argued that the original off-site drainage plans were critical and that the revised drainage plans would result in a tremendous financial burden to the town because of the reconstruction that would be directly necessitated by the new development. "Without drainage in the exterior roads," Wharton said, "the future maintenance responsibilities would be enormously expensive. The original plan would have taken care of this problem."

Wharton went on to say that the current maintenance of these roads was based on light traffic, and he maintained that the impact from the nearly 200 homes would damage the roads to such an extent that major drainage reconstruction would be unavoidable.

The developers argued that their original intention was to buy the materials for the improvements, design the drainage plans, and put in the main lines. The Town would be responsible for the rest of the drainage structures, such as the catch basins.

Ferrell asked D'Anello what his understanding was of the intended improvements. D'Anello replied that he would supply materials, construction costs, purchase of off-site lots, and engineering design. Wharton emphasized that the Town could not do these improvements piecemeal and that they would all have to be done at once, which would be very expensive.

Wharton finally suggested that the Board require the original drainage plan because it was the only one reviewed by the consulting engineers. He also said an extension should be granted by the developer to provide sufficient time to review the revised plans. At this point the developers asked the Board for a short break so they could discuss their options. The Board agreed to take a 10 minute break.

At 9:55 P.M. the Planning Board meeting resumed with the developer's attorney, Phil Davis, explaining that rather than ask the Board for an extension, the developers would agree to provide the engineering design, materials, and labor for drainage and road improvements in McClellan, Dodge, and Hartness Roads but not for Leland Hill Road, in accordance with the original plans. Some residents on Hartness Road reminded the Board that the proposed area of discharge was already very wet. They said some assurance should be provided that the problem would not be worsened by the new drainage plans. The applicant's engineer, Kalkunte, explained that this could be solved by channelizing the existing stream for more efficient flow, which the developers also agreed to do.

At this point, the Planning Board considered the conditions of approval. After some discussion, board member David Suhl motioned that the board disapprove the subdivision plan until the conditions that were discussed are met. The motion failed to carry.

Scott Paul then made a motion to approve the Colonial Acres subdivision plan with the following conditions: that the sewer system design and permits be approved by the Sewer Commission and that capacity be available for at least 75 percent of the interior lots; town roads affected by the development be widened to 22 feet; a development impact report be filed with the Board; driveways not exceed 10 percent grade and are located no closer that 75 feet from intersections; the 5-road intersection of Hartness, Dodge, and Leland Hill Road be improved; that drainage be installed in Dodge Road from Road A down Hartness Road to the brook on the Francis Mason property with proper channelization of the brook; easements be provided at the end of the cul-de-sacs for snow removal; provision of a trail connecting interior roads on the open space lot subject to Conservation Commission approval; increased lot size for a future storage

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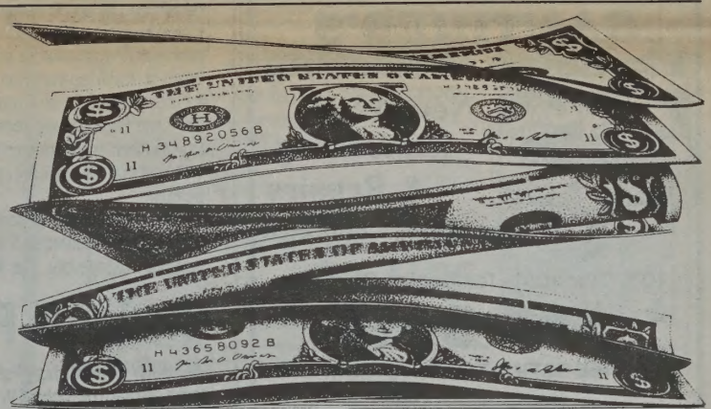

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tank if needed; abutters names listed on the final plan; and required earth removal permits as necessary.

The motion to approval Colonial Acres was seconded and the Planning Board voted 3 to 1 in favor of the conditional approval.

Orchard Estates

Having already discussed the on-site issues in Brovitz's review and off-site issues in the Colonial Acres decision, the Board discussed the conditions of approval. Board member Chris Oliver motioned to disapprove the subdivision plan based on the reasons discussed as conditions for full approval. David Suhl seconded the motion but the Board voted against the disapproval 3 to 2.

Scott Paul motioned that the Board approve the Orchard Estates subdivision plan with the following conditions: sewer capacity be provided for at least 75 percent of the interior lots prior to construction; road widening to 22 feet for Town roads affected by the development; filing of a development impact report; driveways not to exceed 10 percent grade or be closer than 75 feet to an intersection; proper drainage and channelization of the brook on the Mason property; 5-road intersection improvements; snow removal easements at the end of the cul-de-sacs; that an open space lot be created and graded for future recreational use; acceptable road names be provided; earth removal permits approved as necessary; drainage concerns reviewed by the Town's consulting engineer; and sewer easements be provided to the Town.

The motion carried and the Planning Board voted 3 to 2 in favor of the conditional approval for the Orchard Estates subdivision plan.

Pleasantdale II

At 11:15 the Board reviewed the third subdivision on the agenda that was due for a decision by the Board before the end of the day. The Board reviewed comments and recommendations submitted by Wharton and Brovitz, and discussed some of these concerns with applicant, David Lavallee.

After some discussion about plan requirements, David Suhl moved that the Board approve the subdivision with the following conditions: seven of the lots closer to Route 146 be serviced by public sewer; sewer easements be provided to the Town from Stone School Road; topographic and surface water information be put on the plans; a letter from the Board of Health regarding the suitability for on-site septic tanks for those lots on Stone School Road be provided; that David Drive and Fayette Road construction be done during or after Fayette Road is constructed to Town specifications to Route 146; and that the applicant obtain all necessary earth removal permits.

The Planning Board vote 5 to 0 to conditionally approve the Pleasantdale II subdivision plan and release the first five frontage lots. The meeting ended at 12:15 A.M.

Birds of Prey

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, will host a program by Richard W. Lucius entitled, "Birds of Prey" on Saturday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m. Lucius, of Springfield, has been a lecturer on birds of prey for many years, appearing before audiences of all types and ages. A Master Falconer with over 35 years of experience in working with raptors, he has traveled extensively throughout New England with his birds.

His program centers around a display of live North American raptors, including the red-tailed hawk, prairie falcon, and great horned owl. The largest of his birds is a 13 pound golden eagle, held under special educational permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The rapport that has developed between Lucius and the big golden eagle makes her one of the very few eagles anywhere in the country that can be shown before a close-up audience.

In addition to live birds of prey, examples of equipment used in the ancient sport of falconry will be shown. Also on display will be several one-of-a-kind reproductions of American Indian artifacts such as rawhide shields and a golden eagle feather war bonnet.

Registration is necessary. To register, call the library at 865-1181.

Sutton Senior News

WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, May 29, the office will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday. The recorder will be on for messages.

TUESDAY: lunch at noon, video after lunch.

WEDNESDAY: lunch at noon. PM doctor appointments w/reservations. Golden Age Meeting on June 7th at 1:00 p.m.

THURSDAY: grocery shopping (van) for all. ORCHARD APARTMENTS: health checks from 8-9:30 a.m., Info./Ref. from 10-11:30 a.m.

FRIDAY: lunch at noon. Blood pressures taken in the library at 12:30 p.m. Bowling in Webster at 1:15 p.m.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION, June 8th at the Dudley Gendron Post #414 from 9 a.m. to noon.

NOTE: Rep. Richard Moore will be speaking at the Senior Center on Wednesday, June 7, at 11:15 a.m., a "Community Spotlight" day.

Kindergarten Orientation

MILLBURY - An Orientation Day will be held on Friday, June 2, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and from 12:30-2:30 p.m. for all children who will be entering Kindergarten at Elmwood Street School in September of 1989.

The children will have the opportunity to play with other children in a group situation, as well as do some tasks on an individual basis. There will be school personnel available to talk with parents while the children are attending class.

Parents who have already registered their children will be notified by mail as to the time their child should be brought in to school for orientation (either morning session or afternoon session).

Also, anyone who has not yet registered their child for Kindergarten may do so on that day. The child must be five years of age by August 31, 1989 and a copy of his/her birth certificate and immunization record is required.

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on state aid just to meet our obligations." Connor explained that because of the state's financial crisis, state aid is being cut this year, forcing towns to underwrite the cost of services out of their budgets. This follows on the heels of the elimination of Federal Revenue Sharing. Consequently, cuts in federal and state aid, when added to the limitations which proposition 2 1/2 have imposed on Sutton's ability to increase local funding, are "the biggest reasons why we're faced with the situation today," she said.

Several of those in attendance mentioned state mandated programs and services which in the past were underwritten by the state. These programs and services must be provided by the community but are no longer funded by the state.

Elizabeth Bacon explained that many of the increases which the town must absorb are those over which officials have no control. Salary increases and benefits for town employees are contractual obligations which officials must honor, she explained. "The total amount collected doesn't cover salary increases," Bacon said. "Now we have a new (school) facility which is going to add to the cost of operating expenses, just the basic heat and electrical costs are going to add to our budget without adding anything new, and this represents an increase.

Bacon went on to explain that many of the increases in the school budget were beyond anyone's control because they were part of contractual obligations. By way of illustration, she explained that the school committee must negotiate a new transportation contract which will add to the fiscal burden. "We use to use local people (to provide school transportation); now we have to use others, which is more expensive," she noted.

Gina Betti broadened the scope of the problem by stating that the town has experienced significant increases in insurance costs. "Health and liability insurance rates have increased tremendously, and the town is powerless to change them. We have no control over carriers," she remarked, "and yet we have to provide this coverage. We can control spending," she emphasized, "but can't control expenses."

Connor explained that Prop 2 1/2 provides for increases with new growth in the community, but the increases permitted by the formula of 2 1/2 are not adequate to provide for the services which are required. The increase on the levy limit is calculated by taking the valuation of qualifying property and multiplying it by the last year's tax rate. The amount is frequently inadequate to cover the expenses generated by the growth.

LaBonte gave an example, the figures of which were later confirmed by Town Assessor Pat Nedoroscik. LaBonte explained that there were 20 new homes constructed on Merrill Road which generated $30,606 in new taxes. A conservative estimate is that there are 20 children in these new homes who attend Sutton Public Schools. This number times $2,851, the most recent annual cost per pupil, brings the total additional cost to $57,020. The town must make up over $26,000 and, LaBonte continued, "we still have to plow the roads, provide public safety, etc."

LaBonte voiced a concern which was echoed by others that Sutton residents in the past have relied on "free cash" to make up for budget shortfalls. In the past, it seems that many cuts have been restored with this money. The problem with this, as explained by Dexter Blois in a later interview, is that Sutton was spending anticipated revenues. "It's like spending a paycheck that you hope you get next year," he said. LaBonte explained that the weakness in this reasoning is that the town should be looking into long term capital expenditures. Instead, Sutton had to utilize next year's revenues to pay this year's bills. LaBonte fears residents will just assume that "free cash" will again resolve the crisis. Others voiced concern that even if it did this year, it does not resolve the problem that Sutton has been conducting business this way rather than responsibly allocating and spending monies that it has.

LaBonte stressed that Sutton has always been conservative, operating, as Connor put it, "on a very lean budget." Now the town must decide if it wants to continue the services which it has or face significant cuts. He stressed that the override, which is unanimously endorsed by all boards and committees, is not an attempt to add anything to the town, but rather to keep Sutton in a holding pattern, and to do it using the mechanism provided in Proposition 2 1/2.

Next Week: The possible impacts on Sutton if an override is not passed.

Proposition 2 1/2

Because of state and local fiscal restraints, the public has been overwhelmed with talk of a Proposition 2 1/2 Override. What is apparent in all this talk is a lack of public awareness as to the nature of the proposition and its function. Because of this, the word "override" has become a snarl word which causes alarm and fear that an ugly, uncontrolled, tax monster will be created if an override is voted.

The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has published a pamphlet entitled, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Levy Limits...But Were Afraid to Ask: A Primer on Proposition 2 1/2" which explains: the ways in which Proposition 2 1/2 limits property tax; how the levy limit is calculated; how an override differs from a debt exclusion or capital outlay expenditure exclusion; and how new growth works.

Central to an understanding of Proposition 2 1/2 is a comprehension of several key terms: levy, levy ceiling, levy limit, override, debt exclusion, and capital outlay expenditure exclusion. "Levy" is defined as the revenue a community can raise through real and personal property tax. It is the amount the community can raise through the property tax. The levy can be any amount up to the levy limit. It is the largest source of revenue which most cities and towns use to support local spending, and it is the source which is affected by Prop. 2 1/2.

"Levy Ceiling" is the maximum amount which a community can raise. This figure is determined by calculating 2.5% of the total, full and fair cash value of taxable real and personal property in the community.

"Levy Limit" refers to the maximum amount a community can levy (tax) in a given year. The levy limit will always be below, or at most, equal to the levy ceiling and may not exceed the levy ceiling.

"Override" is the mechanism which is designed, with voter approval, to allow the communities to levy above its levy limit or its levy ceiling on a temporary basis, as well as to increase its levy limit on a permanent basis.

With these terms defined, let us explore how Prop 2 1/2 works. As mentioned before, the levy ceiling is established by calculating 2.5% of the total full and fair cash value of taxable real and personal property in the community. For the sake of example, let us consider that the full and fair cash value of Town X is $100,000,000. This figure times 2.5% would establish the levy ceiling of Town X as $2,500,00, and the town could not raise more than this amount by taxation.

The levy ceiling is increased every three years when property is revalued. This new figure is then multiplied by 2.5% and that figure becomes the new levy ceiling.

The levy limit is calculated annually by the Department of Revenue. The limit was established originally as $1.00 on every $100,000 of the full and fair cash value of taxable real and personal property. From that point

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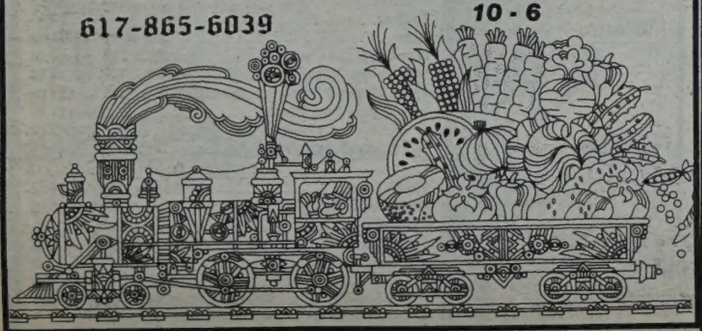

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Water Levels

The board agreed to have Chase send a letter to Whitewater Inc., owned by R.H. White, seeking a clarification of the monitoring of water levels at Singletary Lake and Brierly Pond. Reference was made to last Friday's problem of a washout of part of the Rhodes Street bridge because of inconsistent monitoring of the water levels. Cristo also requested that they be asked to supply the board with their plans to cut a spillway at Singletary.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Annual Sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Chartered by the Congress, officially endorsed by the President of the United States and the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS: The proceeds of this fundraising campaign are used solely for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and

WHEREAS: The basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is reflected in the desire to "Honor" the Dead by Helping the Living;" therefore,

WE, The Selectmen of the Town of Millbury do hereby declare: May 25, 26, and 27, 1989 as "Buddy Poppy Days." We recognize the merits of this cause by urging the citizens to contribute to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on the (3) days set for the distribution of these symbols of loyalty in this Town. We urge all citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this country who risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

Millbury Board of Selectmen

Moore Named Legislator of the Year

WORCESTER - Assistant Majority Leader Richard T. Moore will be honored as "Legislator of the Year" by the Worcester County Bar Association at its annual Legislators Dinner on June 1.

Rep. Moore (D-Uxbridge), a seven-term legislator in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, is a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, Rules Committee, and Joint Committee on Public Safety. Moore serves as Chairman of the State's Infrastructure Finance Commission. He is also a member of the Special Commission on Growth Policy, the Tax Reform Commission, and the Special Commission on Availability of Workers in Long Term Care.

Moore is Chairman of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, representing the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He is also Chairman of the Blackstone River and Canal Commission and Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming, Inc.

Moore represents the towns of Douglas, Millville, Sutton, Uxbridge, and Webster. He has also represented the towns of Blackstone, Hopedale, and Mendon during his tenure on Beacon Hill.

In 1979, Moore and House Majority Leader Charles F. Flaherty, Jr. were the two House members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to review the condition of the court facilities across the Commonwealth as mandated by the Court Reform law. The results of the Commission's efforts are just now being felt as the state begins to assume control and repair of some of the most deteriorated court facilities.

Moore was one of two legislators chosen in 1984 as "Legislator of the Year" by the Massachusetts Bar Association for his leadership in several matters of interest to the state bar.

He successfully co-sponsored 1985 legislation with District Attorney John Conte in response to the Perkins murder case in Douglas, to provide that judges who determine that a juvenile defendant in a murder case should be tried as a juvenile must provide their reasons for such decisions. Previously, judges were only required to provide reasons when they order juveniles tried as adults.

Last year, Moore played a leadership role in bringing United Way's Alternative Sentencing Project to the Milford and Uxbridge District Courts. The program provides community service work primarily for first-time, non-violent offenders.

He is currently coordinating an effort to raise private funds for the renovation and expansion of the Clerk-Magistrate and Probation offices in the Uxbridge Court. The project, utilizing student tradespersons from Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational-Technical High School, will provide both offices with improved work areas and greater privacy.

As a member of the Legislature's Committee on Public Safety, he has been, and continues to be, a leading sponsor of proposed legislation to provide a grant program for new police and fire station construction. As a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, he was credited with gaining funding for the Criminal Justice Training Council for the Firearms Training System for police officers. He has successfully sponsored legislation for mandatory sentences for those who commit violent crimes, increased penalties for drunk driving, providing for trial as adults of certain juveniles charged with violent crimes, increasing the penalties for sale of cocaine, and increased penalties for auto theft.

Moore is a graduate of Hopedale High School (1961), holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Clark University (1966), and received his Master's degree in Student Personnel Administration from Colgate University (1967). He is a former Associate Dean of Students at Assumption College and served as Assistant to the President and Secretary of the College Corporation at Bentley College. Moore and his wife Joanne reside in Uxbridge.

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Child Abuse Prevention Film

Solana Beach, CA - The Independent Order of Foresters (IOF) has released "Through the Eyes of a Child," a new film about the prevention of child abuse, which features British actor Michael Caine as narrator. The film looks at the problem of child abuse and its harmful effects from a child's perspective.

Caine, who was himself an abused child, has volunteered countless hours to help prevent abuse among today's youth. "I've carried the emotional effects of abuse with me all of my life," Caine said. "It's terribly important that people understand the emotional and physical tragedy of this problem. Education is the first step towards prevention, and that's why I worked with the IOF to produce this film."

Written and directed by the IOF's Emmy-award winning director Herb Golden, "Through the Eyes of a Child" has won seven major festival awards from notable film organizations, including the International Video Communications Association, since its release in the United Kingdom in 1987. According to Executive Producer and IOF President Leetate Smith, the film is a realistic and informative account of adults sharing their experiences as abused children. "The IOF created 'Through the Eyes of a Child' as a public gesture of our own commitment to preventing this tragic problem," Smith said. "The film provides the general public with useful information, while providing police and social services with a vehicle for training and fundraising."

The setting for the film is a counseling session in which actors portray adults recalling the abuse they experienced as children. The film emphasizes that abused children are never at fault, and if abuse goes unchecked, such children often become disturbed adults who are likely to pass the harmful effects of abuse along to their own offspring.

Known as the Family Fraternal, the IOF has been active in the fight against child abuse for more than a decade. As part of its commitment to preventing child abuse, the IOF distributes informational booklets and produces and distributes films in addition to "Through the Eyes of a Child" to educate the public about this tragic problem. "Through the Eyes of a Child" is available to the public on VHS and BETA for a nominal fee. For more information about ordering the film or other IOF educational materials, contact the IOF Prevention of Child Abuse Fund, P.O. Box 848 Solana Beach, CA 92705 or call the IOF toll-free number 1-800-828-1540.

Students Display Posters

CHRONICLE photo by James LeClaire

MILLBURY - Paul McQuade, Jennifer Parslow, Sarah Nason, Scott Hanson, John Nguyn, and Jesse Guzzetti, all participants in the "Click" progam for gifted and talented children at the Elmwood Street School, display their "Heart Health" posters as teacher Virginia Auciello looks on.

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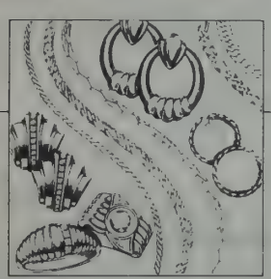

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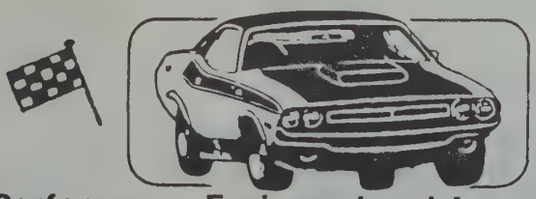

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In addition to the physical needs of the center, volunteers are perhaps the most valuable asset the center will require. With most parents working outside the home and free time at a premium, Johnson expressed her only note of pessimism, "I don't have a very optimistic outlook on volunteers," she remarked. "Volunteerism across the country is down because of the economy. It takes two parents to work nowadays and people are not as involved as they were 10 or 20 years ago. There's almost a total apathy; people aren't getting involved in anything. And I can understand that to some degree. But I would hope that parents in town would get involved, take a look at what's going on and try to be a positive part of it."

The youth center has been in the planning stages for some time, and Johnson underscored the fact that many people have been working long and hard to see the center open. "The Youth Commission has donated a lot of their time in the past two years," she noted, "and that says a great deal. And I commend the Selectmen for being this progressive because most small towns do not want to get involved in something like this. And I think it's very progressive of a small town to attempt something like this in the wake of all the budget cuts on the state level. I just hope it's successful because I think it can make a difference for kids in a small town. Not everybody is interested in sports or willing to stay home and study on a Friday night. I think it can meet the needs of a lot of kids who aren't fitting into the structure at their school or even through other organizations in town."

Johnson said the town will ultimately suffer if it fails to recognize the needs of its youth. "Millbury is a small town," she said, "and it doesn't provide a lot for teenagers. You're either into sports or into the academic world or even some of the churches. Not every kid fits into that classification. I think you have to be willing to provide something a little bit different."

As part of her attempt to ensure the success of the center, Johnson said she checked into several other youth centers and found many of them progressive. "They use some of their centers as referral centers for many of the issues facing kids today," she explained. "There are a lot of centers in the Chicago area that seem to be very innovative. I don't know if that's because they have a high dropout rate or high alcohol and drug use, but a lot of the centers are now turning to be somewhat of a referral agency."

While Johnson said it may seem surprising that some youth centers ultimately take on the additional role of a referral agency, "If you look at it, it's where the kids are today. These are issues that are facing them and you'd better deal with them."

Johnson has set several goals for the center, the most important being the center in full operation. "I'd like to see the kids coming there, being involved in it and really feeling good about it. I'd like to see peak capacity. I think it can have positive results. I think the kids can benefit by it immensely; it can change attitudes. If the youth have a place to go it can affect their home life in a more positive way, maybe even in school. They know that school is structured, and what's expected of them. But here, they will also have a place where they can just be themselves. It's got the potential for them to develop it the way they want it. Maybe I'm idealistic," she said, "but I think if you don't provide something for the youth the town is going to be in worse shape in the end anyway because this is the next generation coming up."

Johnson believes that in order for the center to become a success, attention must be paid to keeping the setting unstructured. "They have structure at school, and they have structure at home. This has to be their place," she said. "There are going to be rules, but I want to keep them to a minimum, or you'll turn them off. If they come in right in the beginning and they see 400 rules posted, then they're not going to go. This is a place where they can meet with their peers to socialize, take advantage of what's there and choose to do what they want at that center."

Johnson, who several times referred to herself as idealistic and "perhaps a little bit naive," acknowledged that she has some concerns about the center. "I'm worried somewhat about vandalism. That seems to be a common problem that hits every youth center, even businesses in town. A part of me is worried that the kids that need it the most won't go there because it isn't cool. Kids are real cliquey," she said, "and it would be nice to break that barrier. They say every generation is getting smarter and smarter but cliques have gone on for centuries. It would be a nice center if everybody could come and just let down all their barriers and just be themselves."

Another problem that was brought to Johnson's attention when she applied for her position was the presence of asbestos in the building. "I was told that one of the holdups (for the use of the Center School) was the asbestos. I said 'We're not going to put time and money into something that's a health hazard.' Through the Youth Commission, and whoever they investigate through, the laws say that the building can be used as long as it's not used as a school again. In other words, the kids wouldn't be in there five days a week, six hours a day. From that point of view, they are going to allow the use. As I've been made aware," she said, "the asbestos is in the cellar and we're not using that floor. The town has not found that to be a problem. I really don't feel that this town would allow it to even open if it was that serious of a problem."

The center is scheduled to be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 6-11 p.m. Additional hours may be added if the need becomes obvious and volunteers can be found to staff the center. Johnson said she would eventually like to see the center in operation seven days a week, "and maybe in the future," she said, "have some counselor or a referral system there. I don't think kids always go to the counselors in the schools and I know they don't always come to parents. It would be nice to hit the problem in the bud with the appropriate center but I don't think that's where it's going to go for quite some years. I think only the larger cities are more progressive in their thinking.

"Everything with a center like this hinges on a wait and see," Johnson said. "I don't know what the expectations of the youth commission are. I don't know if they would keep it going four nights a week with only 10 kids."

As a result of the positive comments compiled from the survey, Johnson is optimistic that many teenagers will take advantage of the center. Nearly 25% of those responding also volunteered to serve on a committee to establish rules and a discipline policy. "Actually," Johnson commented, "it's been proven that their peers judge them harsher than adults do, and maybe that's good."

Calling the teenage years a "real tough time, a time of turmoil and indecision," Johnson said, "I think there's a big need for the center. The youth are still having the same problems that my generation had. There are a lot of pressures today, pressures at school and at home, the identity crisis, peer pressure, drugs and alcohol."

Johnson said the more she becomes involved with the center the more enthusiasm she develops. "I'm trying to keep my thinking in check," she said. "I want this to be a huge success for the youth of Millbury. I think it's opening at a good time, when school gets out. In the colder months, even when they're back in school, the center will still provide a place to go in the evening."

The center will open on June 23 from 6-11, for the youth. Parents and townspeople will be invited to attend an open house on June 24 from 4-7 p.m. The number for the pay phone at the center will be 865-3877. The number for the Youth Center Director will be 865-9454.

An appeal is being made for volunteers to staff the center. Anyone 21 or older who would like to serve in this capacity can call Johnson at 865-9187. "This commitment can be weekly or monthly," Johnson said. "Without assistance from within the Town, this youth center cannot be successful."

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A SPECIAL GAL! I think. She was there at Mass, a baby in arms, a little guy sitting next to her. The baby cried during Mass, to be expected; no big deal. She did all she could to quiet the little bambino. The boy, sitting, kept busy by rummaging thru Mom's pocketbook; what a time he had! I never knew a pocketbook could contain so much; I bet the kid said the same thing. He fidgeted; he rocked back and forth; he danced; he chewed gum. Mom had enough! She whispered something in his ear, probably, "If you be a good boy we can stop by the ice cream store after Mass, OK?" Or else: "You little monster, knock it off or I'll tan your little hide right here and now!" I give the gal credit for making an effort anyway to attend Mass, kids or not. I guess they have just as much a right to be there as anyone else. The little gal didn't make it thru the Mass; the little ones wouldn't permit it. I guess the Good Lord would understand!

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"WE SAW THE LIGHT! well, maybe not for long, but we did get some sunlight to shine on our abode...." said the owners of that house on Howe Ave. after the building in front of them was torn down...but not for long, though! Another steel building was put up, thereby putting them in the dark again. Ah, for a fleeting moment, the sun shineth, then the builder buildeth! C'est la vie, mes amis!

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WELL, GOOD Friends, it's that time again. I can tell, PeeWee is at my feet with that "I've got to go out and make wee-wee" look. The little dog, he's quite a pal! Until next time friends, we wish you all that is good; we wish you a better tomorrow if today wasn't anything to crow about. I bid you His blessings!

Your Pal,

Joseph

Memorial Day Service

SUTTON - The West Sutton Baptist Church of Central Turnpike, West Sutton, has announced that on Sunday, May 28, the Dudley Gendron Post #414 of Sutton will be the honored guest for a Memorial Day Service. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Special music will be provided by Barbara and Arthur Smith from Rhode Island, who play in the Rhode Island Symphony Orchestra, the church's "special friend" piano soloist Mrs. Joyce Waltrous, and trumpet solos. Special Memorial Day music will be provided by the church choir, under the direction of the Rev. John Olson, with organ selections by Martha Stafinski, the church organist.

All veterans from Post 414 are welcome to attend as well as all veterans of any war from any community. If you are a resident of Sutton or just visiting the area, you are invited to attend the worship service and honor those who have served our country.

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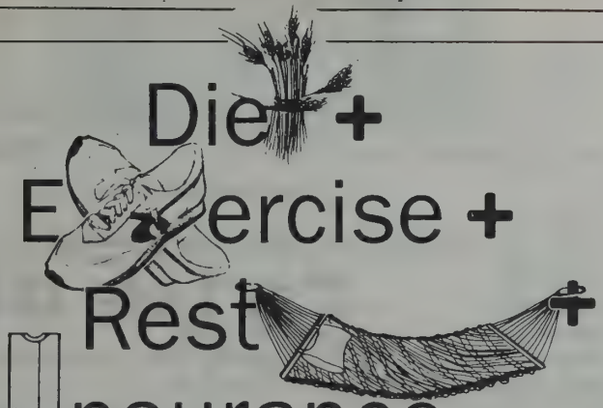

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Last Day of School to be June 16

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The May 17 School Committee meeting began at 7:30 with all members present.

Student Marking Policy

Superintendent Dr. Alfred Sylvia noted that the committee was in possession of the revised Student Marking Policy for a third and final reading. Hanratty said it should be made clear in the policy that if homework is given it will count toward a student's grade.

Dr. David Troughton, Curriculum Coordinator, said that in order to make the policy inclusive, consideration was given to grades 3, 4, and 5 where in some areas homework is not given. He noted that the expectation sheets each teacher develops for the subject, course, or grade level will state or note what is graded.

George Desrosiers, Foreign Language Department Head at the High School, told the committee that he has assigned homework in foreign language for a number of years. "It has improved quality," he said. "There are some problems though. It is totally impossible to correct all assignments." He went on to say that every 6th assignment is counted as a major test. "Teachers have to experiment to see what is best. It should be conceived as a goal. It is not good to say 'must,'" Desrosiers said.

Hanratty replied, "You do give a grade for homework. That's all I'm concerned about."

The 3rd reading was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Geography Classes

Item 3 on the agenda was introduced by committee member Jane Pojani, who requested at the last meeting that consideration be given to offer more geography classes at the high school level. Frank Morrill, Social Studies Department Head at the High School and Barbara Gillette of the Elmwood Street School were present for the discussion.

Pojani said she was interested in seeing a program at the high school that would offer U.S. physical geography for one half of the year and World Geography the next half. She also asked if the time schedule for the proposed curriculum changes, slated for 1993, could be moved up.

Troughton explained that the changes would be reflected in the Class of 1993 who would take a World Geography course in grade 9 and a 2nd and 3rd year of social studies in grades 10 and 11.

Morrill said that the present Earth Science course given in Grade 5 covers physical geography. He also said that geography could be worked into history when dealing with historical events. Morrill remarked that cultural geography has not been in demand for years. He emphasized that the department is looking at what will be included in the second year of Social Studies to be tied into the newly added half year U.S. History Course. That will be determined after careful thought and study, according to Morrill.

Pojani then said that if you gave out a map pinpointing 25 locations and asked the kids what they were, not many would know the answers.

Morrill replied, "You are absolutely right. Give some of that to adults and the results would be similar."

Pojani closed her statement by emphasizing that she would like to see kids taking more than a half year of geography.

Gillette reported that students at the Elmwood Street School receive an early start in learning map skills and State locations through the use of kits. "We are right now building a broad base," she said.

Committeeman Alan Marble remarked that, while students start off well in the elementary level as compared to the comparison band within the state, there is a decline in grades 8-12 as shown in the decline of the state comparison band. He suggested that more emphasis be placed on a "back to basics" approach and that more weight be put on geography.

Morrill said he was glad to have the extra half year. "Not to be repetitive, but we are looking at more geography. It takes time. We are giving it a lot of thought."

School Calendar

Under Information Items, the committee approved the School Calendar for 1989-1990. Teachers will report on September 5, and students on September 6. Hanratty questioned the need for a Good Friday vacation day, saying he would opt to drop it for possible snow days. He also said he didn't feel a 3rd week of school in June was of educational benefit.

Sylvia remarked that Millbury was a strong Catholic community and that Good Friday has been a vacation day for at least 18 years. No change was made and the calendar was approved as presented.

Last Day of School

Sylvia reported that the last day of school will be June 16, a half day for students and a full day for teachers. The afternoon will be spent working on curriculum.

Arts Festival

The Arts Festival was held at the high school on May 16, according to Sylvia, with many outstanding displays of student's works and projects as well as a strong band and chorus presentation.

A similar Spring Arts Festival will be held at the Middle School on May 23 and in June at Elmwood Street on the day of the annual track and field events.

D.A.R.E.

Sylvia reported that he and Police Chief Ron Stokowski are looking into a program called D.A.R.E., which would involve the placement of one police officer, trained to work with young adults, for one full day in the school over a period of 17 weeks. He noted that the program has worked successfully in several area communities.

Grievance

At 8:15, Sylvia announced that George Desrosiers had requested that the School Committee hear his grievance relating to the elimination of release time days. Sylvia said the committee would be involved in hearing complaints and charges against an individual and explained that the unnamed individual had requested Executive Session.

Responding to a reporter's question, Hanratty said that the committee would be moving to executive session under the Open Meeting law, stipulated under specific reasons

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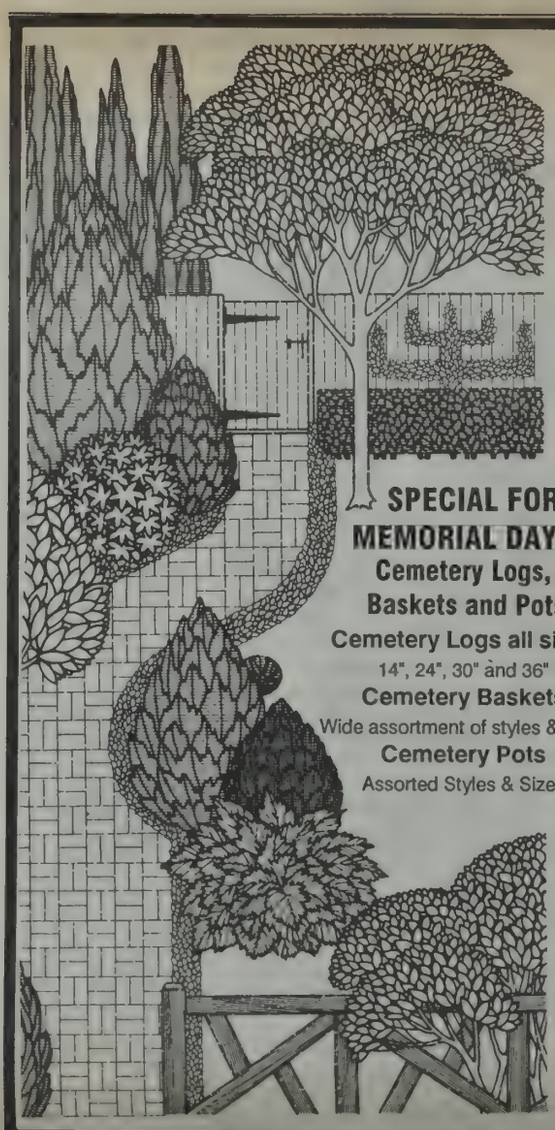

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On The Shelf

By Rosemary Waltos

The Millbury Public Library is pleased to announce that it now has an Apple IIGS computer for adults, young adults, and members of local community groups to use for their computing needs.

Until the addition of our new Apple personal computer, the library had only one public access computer in the children's room. From the beginning, this computer received regular, heavy use by children during after school hours and on Saturdays. While the library has always encouraged adults to use it, its location and heavy use has in the past generally limited adults from taking advantage of this resource.

As a result of limitation, the library developed and launched its Adult Services Public Access Computer project. The purpose of this project is to improve services to adults and young adults, as well as provide service to local community groups by providing the hardware and software necessary to meet their basic computing needs.

In March, the library received a $3200 state competitive grant administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to purchase a user friendly computer system, a printer, and a work station.

The aim of this project is to enable Millbury users access to a powerful learning tool as well as a work enhancer and work saver. Some of the many ways this computer can be used include word processing, personal financial planning and management, recording keeping, list management, teaching in adult independent learning situations, and performing routine business related tasks.

With the computer set up and located in the nonfiction reading area in the adult services section, we are anxious for our first users to power up!

If you wish to use this Apple IIGS, all you need is a library card. You can reserve a 90-minute slot on the computer; we will even hold your reserve for 15 minutes if you find yourself running late. If you prefer to just drop in, feel free to do so and use the computer as long as it is not currently in use.

If you want to use our computer but have no computer experience, starting this summer the library is planning to provide a one-hour computer "how-to" to acquaint users with basic computer functions. This will be individualized instruction given by knowledgeable library volunteers.

You can also bring in your own computer programs to use; most Apple IIE programs can run on the IIGS. You can also ask at our circulation desk for the computer programs that we have available for your use. Several of these are public domain software, so that you can copy them if you like. While we currently have a small software collection, we plan to add to it in the near future. Additions will include easy to use word processing and financial management programs as well as programs that allow you to create, manage, and print off lists and mailing labels.

While we are touting our newest computer, we do not want to forget to encourage children through grade six to use our children's computer. The library offers a graphics course to kids to enable them to use their creative energy. Graphics is given on a regular basis. Call 865-1181 to sign up. We also offer many computer programs for children, including word processing programs and various educational programs that are fun too.

For more in-depth information on computers and their applications, you can browse through the adult nonfiction book stacks. Books in the 001.64 section cover data processing, including systems analysis. Computer business applications can be found in the 650 section. You can also check out back issues of the magazine *PERSONAL COMPUTING*.

Another way to ease yourself into the computer world is to check out one of our videotapes on the subject. The best titles in this area are *INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS FOR CHILDREN, EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT COMPUTERS*, and *INTRODUCTION TO APPLEWORKS*.

For more information concerning the library's public access computers, or to reserve time on one, call 865-1181.

COMING UP AT THE LIBRARY

BIRDS OF PREY, Saturday, June 3, 10:00 a.m. Richard Lucius brings his magnificent birds of prey to the library and explains their habits and habitats. Registration is necessary. To register, call 865-1181.

LIBRARY HOURS: Tuesday through Thursday, 10-8; Friday, 10-6; Saturday, 10-1.

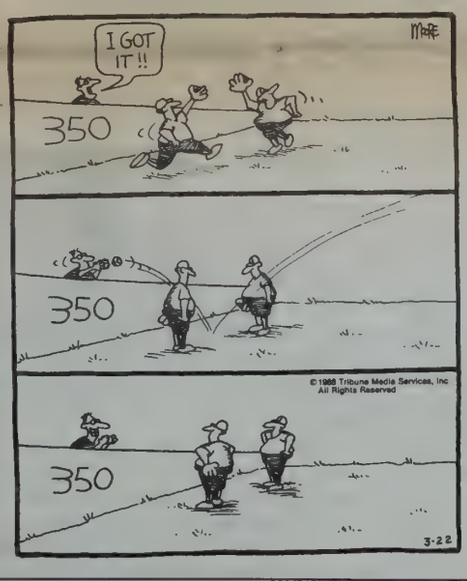
Notre Dame Graduates

WORCESTER - Notre Dame Academy held graduation ceremonies on May 28 for 67 young women from Worcester and surrounding towns. The Most Reverend George E. Rueger, Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Worcester, gave the invocation and benediction, and Frances O'Keefe SND presented the candidates to Principal Ann Morrison SND.

Local graduates included Millbury residents Kerri Belsito, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Belsito, and Courtney A. Quinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn.

Rummage and Bake Sale

MILLBURY - The Order of the Eastern Star, Millbury Chapter, will sponsor a rummage and bake sale on Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Masonic Building, South Main Street.



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spelled out in Chapter 39 Section, B-2, which states in part, "to consider the discipline of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual....The government body shall hold an open meeting if the individual involved requests the meeting be open."

According to Sylvia, the individual requested a closed meeting. When asked if the person was a professional staff member of the School Department, Sylvia replied, "Yes."

When asked how the grievance against an individual related to the elimination of release time days, as printed on the agenda, Sylvia replied that the charges and complaints to be heard were related to the release time meetings.

The committee voted 5-0 to move to executive session. Besides Desrosiers, some 20 teachers from the Elementary, Middle, and High School also attended the closed session as well as the three building principals, the Special Education director, Dr. Troughton, and Dr. Sylvia.

The closed session lasted over two hours. No resolution of the grievance was announced publicly, but, according to Sylvia, Desrosiers withdrew his grievance after the session.

Once back in open session, the committee reviewed the FY 89-90 school budget, noting and updating figures that were changed as a result of cuts worked out with the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen two weeks ago.

The committee then moved again to executive session, for the purpose of collective bargaining discussions with the custodial union AFL/CIO. No agreement has been reached as yet between the school committee and custodians.

The meeting adjourned a little after 11:00 p.m.

Aroun' The Town & Golden Agers Update

By Lillian C. Sheehan

CENTERVIEW APARTMENTS: Welcome Home to Isabelle Reed, who has been hospitalized at St. Vincent's. Cards will be welcomed by Julia LeBoeuf who recently underwent surgery at Hahnemann. She's in Room 272. Best Wishes to both!

A trip is planned in the next week to the Cape. Bingo as usual on Wednesday nights - prizes and refreshments!

ST. BRIGID'S WOMEN'S CLUB: the annual meeting and communion supper was held on May 18. A Mass was said at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at the Cocke n' Kettle.

At the annual meeting, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Thomas Hackett; 1st Vice President, Mrs. William Spang; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Bertha Lee; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ovide Tessier; Treasurer, Mrs. Henry Carney; and Auditor, Mrs. Vyto Morkunas. Special Chairwomen are: Art, Mrs. Francis McKeon; Ecumenism, Mrs. Dennis Mulhane; Hospitality, Mrs. Stephen Hartline and Miss Carolina Pescheta; House, Mrs. James Carney; Home Economics, Mrs. Robert White; Literature, Mrs. Louis Buffone; Membership, Mrs. Alan Deamley; Music, Mrs. William Murphy and Mrs. Paul Gagne; Program, Mrs. Donald Bird; Publicity, Mrs. Frank Sheehan; Ways and Means, Executive Board; and Nominating Committee, Mrs. James O'Leary, Mrs. Ernest Lemoine, Mrs. Vyto Morkunas, Miss Carolina Pescheta, and Mrs. Frank Piscitelli. These officers will be installed in October at the opening meeting of the Club.

JUNE is the traditional month of brides. The exchange of wedding rings dates as far back as recorded history. The Puritans, however, thought the custom frivolous and almost succeeded in having it abolished.

WIT AND WISDOM

~ Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.

~ Ever notice that when you reach a certain age, everything you have seems to wear out, spread out, or fall out?

~ Seven year old, first-year camper, "The food here is great, and the best part is they don't make you eat it."

~ The accent is on youth but the stress is on the adults.

Memorial Day Luncheon

MILLBURY - A Memorial Day Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 29, at the West Millbury Chapel from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The menu will include ham, home baked beans, gelatin salads, potato salad, snowflake rolls, American Chop Suey, a relish tray, homemade pickled beets, and assorted homemade cakes. Coffee, tea, and punch will be served. The cost is $5.00 for adults and $2.00 for children 12 and under. Chapel commemorative plates will be on sale for $12.00.

Assumption School News

By Grace Laflash

Daniel Kilgore, a group employment manager and Philippa Hurley, an employment consultant from the Digital Corporation in Marlborough, discussed "Careers in High Technology" with the junior high students. The session commenced with a film which focused on the Digital Corporation.

The speakers then gave explanations of their positions within the company and of other job opportunities available, from truck drivers to nurses, to doctors and employment managers.

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Special Town Meeting to be Called for June 19

By Terry Barnicle

SUTTON - All Selectmen were present at the weekly Selectmen's Meeting of May 17.

Special Town Meeting

The board announced that they will be calling a Special Town Meeting for June 19 to ask voters to approve a transfer of funds from "Free Chase" to cover various salary accounts. According to the board, the amount of the shortage is about $3,000.

Pole Petitions

Al Trychon, representing New England Telephone, requested approval to install a number of telephone poles and cabinets in town. Those installations approved by the board were as follows:

Blackstone Street at the corner of Providence Road: a control cabinet approximately 8 feet off the road on Town property at an existing pole. "We are beautifying these cabinet locations," Trychon said. When Town Administrator Dexter Blois reported that Ray Smith of the Highway Department has no problem with this placement, the board approved the application unanimously.

Mumford Road near Duval Road: a pole to feed a new home. The board approved the request unanimously.

Mendon Road: 22 poles through the State forest, also approved unanimously, subject to the approval of abutters.

Other petitions were made, including three poles for Southwick Road. At the request of Trychon, action was postponed so that he can coordinate the placements with the neighbors, some of whom were present and expressed their concerns.

User Fees

Resident Larry Moore gave a report on a recent meeting of the Mass. Municipal Association. He said that there has been a 300% increase in user fees since 1972 and that there is a great difference in their rates among the towns. "Some charge $25 for a restaurant license, some $1,000," Moore said. He suggested the establishment of a User Fee Feasibility Study Committee to attempt to determine the cost of these fees and to discuss ways of selling these additional fees to the townspeople. "We are traveling from a tax-based economy to a user-fee based economy," Moore said. "There's gold in them thar hills, and the State will allow it. Sutton's fees are chicken feed."

Selectman Rick LaBonte then asked Moore if he would be willing to serve as Chairman of such a committee. Moore gave no definite commitment.

The board voted to place discussion for the formation of the committee on next week's agenda.

Impact Fees

Moore then gave a report on Impact Fees. "Sutton is about four years behind other towns in regard to impact fees," he said. Moore said he is working with the State on The Fair Share Impact Fees Bill. "Forget the builders and developers," Moore said, "concentrate on the legislators. Make it impossible for them not to pass this bill."

He then suggested that he be appointed to represent the Town as an ad hoc member of the Land Use Subcommittee of the Mass. Association of Planning Directors. The board so voted.

Planning Board and Sewer Commission Problem

Moore then reported on a problem he perceived. He said that the town engineer and town planner are being ignored by the Planning Board and by the Sewer Commission at their respective meetings. Moore said, "I've been at meetings where Sutton's Town Planner and Town Engineer have had trouble getting a word in."

Blois, when asked to comment, said, "I've experienced problems with the Planning Board also.

Selectman Carl Licopoli remarked, "I'd like to have a meeting with these boards to hear both sides."

Amendment of Traffic Rules and Regulations

The board voted to amend the Town Traffic Rules and Regulations. The first amendment was to put a "Stop" sign on Torrey Road, before coming out onto Manchaug Road. This action was recommended by Blois. The second amendment was to prohibit parking on Torrey Road from Irma Jones Road to Holt Road. The board said the amendment would allow ticketing to the Douglas line. Blois said the Police Chief has no problem with the amendment.

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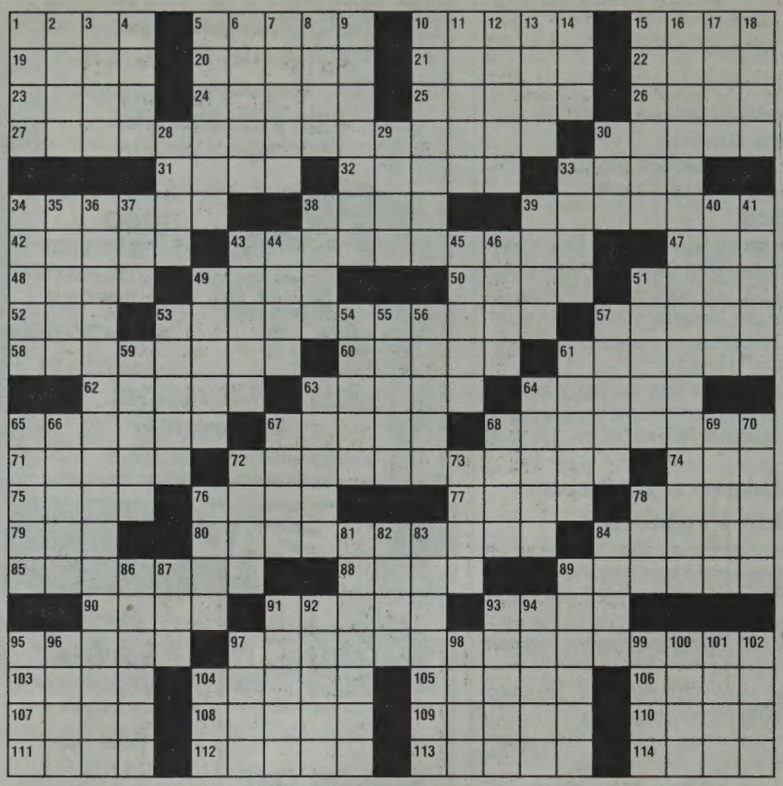

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By Charlotte Lipney

ACROSS

1 Hee-haw
5 Philippines thatch grass
10 Silver, Spanish style
15 Italian wine center
19 Cluny product
20 Gloucester greeting
21 Religious figure
22 Womb: Comb. form
23 Single component
24 Willow
25 Also, to Claudius
26 "— Stockings": Astaire film
27 Taylor-ex angler avian?
30 Mighty man
31 Suit part
32 Novelist Joyce Carol
33 Cinch in
34 Birthed a bovine
38 Forearm: Comb. form
39 Extinct wild ox
42 Tracts
43 Cleo's serenader?
47 How some like it
48 Dick and Jane's pet
49 People of southern India
50 On the —
51 Bye-bye
52 Gymnast's goal
53 Transylvanian barnyard fowl?
57 Heavenly body
58 With jubilance
60 Aristocratic
61 Eccentricity
62 Donna and Walter
63 Porcine pens
64 Enchantress of myth
65 Peculiarity
67 Claims against property
68 Yearner
71 Stone nodule
72 Gracie's sea bird?
74 Chou En-—
75 Take on cargo
76 Wyoming town on the North Platte
77 War god
78 Jokers
79 Paleozoic, for one
80 Song bird for Woody's woman?
84 Linen, in Limoges
85 Chorus
88 Heroic poetry
89 Rallying device
90 Desdemona's betrayer
91 Communication vehicles
93 — scallopini
95 Brindisi bridge
97 Depressed Danish wader?
103 Per
104 Innsbruck's province
105 One of the Valkyries
106 Filled with reverence
107 Arthur of the courts
108 Slender-billed bird
109 Nest raider
110 Sharp tooth
111 Mix
112 Soared
113 Potlery fragment
114 Large chinook

DOWN

1 In the dumps
2 Author Ayn
3 Sharp-edged in tone
4 Bigfoot kin
5 Throttled
6 Thirster's haven
7 Coruscate
8 Designer Cassini
9 Virginia port
10 Yukon sergeant
11 Cutting tool
12 "— Irish Rose"
13 Lift for schussing
14 Aspire
15 —-Hungarian empire
16 Avian name for ex-Laker?
17 Membrane
18 Nettles
28 Pre-holiday times
29 Anecdotal noun suffix
30 Broadcast
33 Dolls' partners
34 Brahman or Varna
35 Cosmetic queen Adrien
36 Renaissance man's namesake canary?
37 Tank
38 Russian river
39 Before freeze or social
40 Tourist stop
41 Condition
43 Lounges
44 "An apple —..."
45 Unwitting agents
46 The Wash feeder
49 Chemise
51 Turn — (freeze)
53 Borscht ingredient, in Bremen
54 — den Linden
55 On the move
56 Corpulent
57 Stoppers
59 Pico de —, Tenerife
61 Russians' neighbors
63 Utopias: Var.
64 Minnesota star Rod —
65 Brash observer
66 "The Wreck of The Mary —"
67 "Star Wars" princess
68 Medal winner
69 Par minus two
70 Stair part
72 Cheshire cat's feature
73 Salts
76 Oh, my!, in Milano
78 Finished first
81 Cycled
82 Neat as —
83 Household pests
84 Skin powder
86 Cronkite's successor
87 Vital statistic
89 Roland's steed
91 Earn
92 Run away to wed
93 Europe's longest river
94 Senior
95 After sweet and black-eyed
96 Hops drier
97 Stylish skirt
98 Word with brow or hat
99 Actor George
100 Not at home
101 Hawaiian goose
102 Advantage
104 For shame!

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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What's the Difference?

By Pat O'Leary & Larry Ham

HOW TO PLAY: The answers to the two clues rhyme and the beginning consonant sounds are switched. For example: What's the difference between a neckwear fastener and a metal pan for baked desserts? One is a TIE PIN and the other is a PIE TIN. Sound counts, not spelling.

1. Harold's jump and Lawrence's "run down car"?
2. Toiling longer hours and a skulking table-servant?
3. Sprinting to the pole and striding to the barbecue?
4. The mythical Greek god's visitor and a gander's gusto?

ANSWERS: 1. Harry's leap and Larry's heap. 2. Working later and a lurking waiter. 3. Reeling to the post and pacing to the roast. 4. Zeus's guest and a goose's zest.

DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle is 12:00 noon on Saturday of the week prior to publication.

Church Listings

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FIRST BAPTIST, WEST SUTTON: Mr. John Olson - Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by Coffee Time at 10:30 a.m.; 3rd Tuesday of each month - Women's Association meetings.

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THE VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH, meeting in the Raymond Memorial Church, Raymond Street, East Millbury: Pastor, Rev. Bruce Buchanan; Sunday Services at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 70 South Main St., Oxford. Pastor, Rev. Steven Goetsch. Saturday services at 5:00 p.m. Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. (July & August 9:00 a..m.) Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. Holy Communion at all services.

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on, the levy limit figure is based on the community's previous year's levy limit. It increases each year in three ways: automatic 2.5% increase, growth resulting from new construction, and overrides.

Automatic 2.5%: Each year the Department of Revenue automatically increases the levy limit by 2.5%. For example, if the levy limit for Town X was $1,000,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 1986, the levy limit for FY 1987 would be $1,000,000 plus 2.5% ($25,000) or $1,025,000.

New Growth: Each year the Assessors are required to submit information on growth in the tax base. Thus, increases in the assessed valuation of newly constructed or altered property, exempt property returned to the tax roll, and subdivision parcels and condominium conversions are included. The increases in qualifying assessed valuation is multiplied by last year's tax rate, and that figure is added to the levy limit. For example, if Town X had $1,000,000 of new growth in FY 1986, and their '86 tax rate was $15 per $1,000, $15,000 would be added to Town X's levy limit for FY 1987.

Overrides: Proposition 2 1/2 provides a mechanism for communities to go over their levy limit, but communities cannot go over their levy ceiling. (In order to have an override, the majority of the Selectmen must approve placing the override question on the ballot. Override questions must be presented in dollar terms and must specify the purpose of the override. The community must then approve the override by a majority vote.) When an override is voted, the override amount approved becomes part of the levy limit.

The Department of Revenue pamphlet makes a distinction between "overrides" and "debt and capital outlay expenditure exclusions." "Exclusions" allow communities, with voter approval, to exceed their levy limit or levy ceiling for the payment of certain capital projects (Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion) and for the payment of specified debt service costs (Debt Exclusion). Unlike overrides, these amounts are only temporarily added to the levy limit for the life of the debt or for the year the project is being undertaken and are not permanent. They require a two-thirds vote of the Selectmen in order to be presented to the voters, and a majority vote of the community to be approved.

Taken as a whole, let us consider Town X. If Town X had property valued at $100,000,000, its Levy Ceiling would be $2,500,000 for FY 1986, its Levy Limit would be $1,000,000 for FY 1986. For FY 1987 its levy ceiling would remain $2,500,000 but its levy limit would increase by $25,000 to $1,025,000 plus the new growth $15,000 ($1,000,000 in new growth x $15.00 per $1,000 tax rate for 1986 = $15,000) plus whatever overrides were voted by the community.

A New Generation of Police Officers?

CHRONICLE photo by James LeClaire

MILLBURY - Evan Herrmann, April Chevalier, Kristine Bielecki, and Kara Woods, all from the Puckihuddle Pre-School in Sutton, paid a visit to the Millbury Police Department recently. Shown is Officer Kevin Woods (Kara's father) pinning a badge on Kristine.

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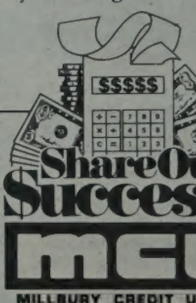

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